
Anthony J. Cifone



Director, Propulsion & Power Naval Air Systems Command 4.4

Mr. Cifone is currently the director of the Propulsion & Power Department, Naval Air Systems Command (NAVAIR). His management authority, which includes leadership of 580 scientists and engineers, as well as over \$1.8 billion in total annual budget authority, spans all aspects of Navy and Marine Corps air vehicle propulsion and power systems.

Mr. Cifone was selected to the Senior Executive Service in July 2004 and has 34 years of Federal Service.

From 2002 to 2004, Mr. Cifone served as the Deputy, NAVAIR Command Staff Office. His responsibilities included Command decision support, requirements/acquisition analysis, Command-wide assessments, staffing skills requirements, business planning, and emergent Base Realignment and Closure support.

From 2000 to 2002, Mr. Cifone was the Director of Research and Engineering for the Naval Air Warfare Center Aircraft Division. He led efforts addressing all Naval Aircraft Weapons Systems applications, was responsible for the performance of 4000 scientists and engineers (military, civilian and contractor) with an annual budget authority of over \$350M.

From 1994 to 2000, Mr. Cifone was the Head of the Propulsion & Power Planning and Operations Office, Naval Air Systems Command, Patuxent River, Md. As such, he was responsible for the planning and management of all Propulsion Research, Development, Test and Evaluation efforts, totaling well over \$100M per year. The efforts included Science & Technology programs, the Propulsion Component Improvement Program and Power Plant Change efforts, as well as F18-E/F and V-22 aircraft Development support.

From 1989 to 1994, Mr. Cifone was Supervisor of an engineering Division of the Naval Air Propulsion Center in support of the Department of Defense Cruise Missile and Unmanned Air Vehicles Propulsion Research, Development, Test and Evaluation. He managed systems that included both Air Force and Navy expendable gas turbine engines, aerial subscale targets, the Pioneer Unmanned Air Vehicle, and developmental Unmanned Air Vehicle programs. He also acted as the U.S. Navy Lead Technical Evaluator for Industry Independent Research & Development efforts in the areas of manned and unmanned propulsion systems. In 1993, his duties were expanded to include Department Head, Propulsion Systems Development and Evaluation.

From 1980 to 1989, Mr. Cifone assumed responsibilities as Program Manager for Navy Propulsion Exploratory Development. In this capacity, he managed Navy programs for aircraft propulsion system components required to advance the current state of the art. During this time, significant achievements were accomplished and have subsequently transitioned to the F/A-18E/F and the Joint Strike Fighter engine designs. In addition, he was responsible for overall Exploratory Development Program management, planning and execution, serving as technical specialist in support of all U.S. Navy air-breathing propulsion service-related issues. Mr. Cifone was a key player in the initiation of the Department of Defense Tri-service Innovative High Performance Turbine Engine Technology Program.

From 1974 to 1980, Mr. Cifone was employed as a Project Engineer at the Naval Air Propulsion Test Center, in Trenton, NJ. He was responsible for conducting tests on numerous gas turbine engines for various U.S. Navy air vehicles, including the F404-GE-400 (F/A-18 aircraft), T56-A-425 (E-2C), T700-GE-400 (SH-60B), F107-WI-400 (Tomahawk Cruise Missile), et al.

Mr. Cifone graduated from New York University in 1974 with a bachelor's of science degree in aeronautics and astronautics. As a Supervisory Aerospace Engineer with over thirty-four years of experience, he has a strong technical and business background in the areas of aircraft and weapons system conceptual design, development, acquisition, production and in-service support. In addition, Mr. Cifone is a graduate of the Senior Executive Management Development Program and was a participant in the Defense Leadership and Management Program.

Mr. Cifone has been awarded the 2008 Presidential Rank Award.